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NORTH CHINA IRRIGATION PROJECTS INCREASE;  
NEW COAL SEAM DISCOVERED

NORTH CHINA WATER CONSERVANCY IMPROVED -- Wen-hui Pao, 21 May 49

With the help of the various levels of People's Governments in the North China liberated area, the well-digging units of the North China Drought Prevention Committee have opened 88,885 wells, guaranteeing water for 150,000 acres of arable land.

The mechanized well-digging units of the North China Irrigation Promotion Department have opened 67 new wells along the railroad between Pei-p'ing and Han-k'ou and installed electrically operated pumps. These wells have increased water land in this area by more than 580 acres.

A large canal located near Hui Hsien in Honan Province has been repaired and is now able to supply water to 2,000 acres of seeded area. There are several canals now being dug in the T'ai-yo, Chi-yuan, and Yung-li Ho areas, and when they are completed about 6,000 acres of waste land can be changed into good farm land.

In Tun-lin Hsien, Shansi Province, 15 dikes have been repaired. The dam on the Pei-li Ho in Ning-nan Hsien, Hopeh Province, has been repaired and irrigation provided for 1,665 acres of land.

In the western area of Chahar and Hopeh provinces, 171 dikes have been repaired; and 250,000 acres of cotton in this area has already been planted.

About 60,000 acres of cotton and 2,500 acres of peanuts have already been planted in the area near Chi-Hsien. Plans have been made to plant 125,000 acres of peanuts in this area.

NEW COAL VEIN DISCOVERED -- Wen-hui Pao, 23 May 49

Huai-nan (Anhui) coal field production has risen to over 3,100 tons daily. In addition, a new vein 3.5 meters thick has been discovered in the southern section of the Ta-t'ung mine.

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